

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
Wave 178: Views on people having children in America  
(Social and Demographic Trends)  
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 2025**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Note:** The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

**PN = Programming note**

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**QUE: FEWERKIDS**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

What type of impact do you think it would have on our country if fewer people chose to have children in the future?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Very positive
- 2 Somewhat positive
- 3 Neither positive nor negative
- 4 Somewhat negative
- 5 Very negative
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: FEDKIDS**

**ASK ALL:**

How much of a role do you think the federal government should have in encouraging more people to have children?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Major role
- 2 Minor role
- 3 No role at all
- [ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
- 4 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?

99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**BAT: KIDSPOLICY**

**ASK IF SAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE A MAJOR OR MINOR ROLE**

**(FEDKIDS=1,2):**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

[ PN: IF WEB: ] Would you favor or oppose the federal government doing each of the following to encourage more people to have children?

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ] Would you favor or oppose the federal government doing each of the following to encourage more people to have children? First, (INSERT ITEM). Would you... (READ LIST)?

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ] What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose the federal government doing this to encourage more people to have children? Would you... (READ LIST)?

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a Providing free child care
- b Requiring employers to provide paid family leave
- c Giving parents of minor children a monthly payment
- d Providing more tax credits for parents
- e Requiring health insurance companies to cover the cost of fertility treatment such as IVF
- f Sponsoring efforts to raise awareness of how fertility declines with age

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Neither favor nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

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